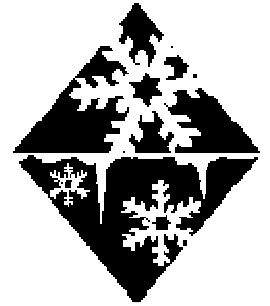


# NEWINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111



## Winter/Spring 2013

# S.C.O.R.E.

(Student Challenge of Recreation Education)

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 THRU 8

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 23, 2013**



### NEW in 2013!!

- PEZ & Pizza
- Snowshoeing Feb. 1st
- Family Day on the challenge course
- Family Day canoeing



***For more information call our SCORE-Line at 665-8594  
or visit our website at [www.newingtonct.gov](http://www.newingtonct.gov)***



# **INFORMATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW**

1. All SCORE programs are open to students in grades 5 through 8 unless otherwise specified. Program size is limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis.
2. A "confirmation letter," containing class location, pick-up and drop off sites, liability forms and other information will be mailed January 25, 2013. Only students registered for the program are allowed to attend. *PLEASE KEEP CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR YOUR ONGOING REFERENCE.*
3. The majority of our programs are offered at off-site locations, but are occasionally held at John Wallace Middle School or Martin Kellogg Middle School.
4. Transportation is provided to all program locations. Please be sure to have the student wait outside the Front Doors of their school for the white 15 passenger Town of Newington Van to pick them up. For programs held on their school grounds, students must report to the designated room (as outlined in confirmation letter). On vacation day programs students are dropped off and picked up at the front of Newington Town Hall.
5. All students must be picked up promptly at the end of a class. If a student is biking or walking home, it must be indicated on the registration form or in a note if a change occurs. Staff must be informed of any changes in dismissal arrangements or we cannot release a child.
6. If your child cannot attend a SCORE class for any reason, it is your responsibility to inform Human Services staff prior to the end of the school day. ANY UNEXCUSED absences (those without a prior phone call made by parent) will be reported to the parent/guardian.
7. Students are expected to behave in a safe and responsible manner. Any disrespectful or disruptive behavior may result on dismissal from the program with no refund.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER COURSE  
CONFIRMATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT.**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Reduced fees MAY be available to income eligible Newington families. Indicate on registration forms your request for assistance, and someone from this department will contact you.

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## ***S.C.O.R.E. PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY***

*The S.C.O.R.E. Program is designed to provide positive after-school activities that connect middle school youth to their school, family, and community support systems. Our goal is to enhance the sixth grade R.O.P.E. curriculum by offering youth opportunities to increase their knowledge, skill, and experience in problem-solving, decision-making, cooperation, communication, leadership, AND FUN. We are always looking for instructors to teach new courses and other positive leisure activities.*

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT:** ADA addresses issues of accessibility of facilities and programs. Reasonable program modifications will be made on a case by case basis to allow people with disabilities to both participate in, and benefit from programs.

**Please feel free to contact Human Services for SCORE information at 665-8594.**

# SCORE Course Descriptions

## February School Break Fun

### Bowling, Pizza & A Movie

This has become a vacation tradition in Newington! Students will go bowling at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike. A pizza lunch will be served at the bowling alley. Then we'll catch a movie after!

Date: **Friday Feb. 15**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**  
Location: Bowl-O-Rama, & a theater  
To be determined

Instructors: Rik Huggard, Michelle Pestillo &  
Fee: **\*\*\*\$30**



### Rock 'N' Robin

Join us for a flashback to the early days of roller skating, followed by burgers and milkshakes at the local diner. To finish our day off we'll play a game of Laser Tag. Don't miss out on the fun!

Date: **Tues. Feb. 19**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**  
Location: Ron a Roll, Red Robin & Laser Quest, Newington

Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$45**



**\*\*\*PAY ONLY \$70 IF YOU REGISTER FOR BOTH DAYS! 2/15 & 2/19**



### Snowshoeing in Penwood Forest!



We want to try out our new snow shoes this winter so come with us for an afternoon trek in Penwood State Forest to the Cedar Ridge lookout! We supply the snow shoes!

Date: **Friday, Feb. 1**  
Time: **12:40PM - 5:00PM (1/2 day at school)**  
Location: Penwood State Forest  
Bloomfield, CT

Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$20**



### Claypen & Cocoa



Spend a winter afternoon creating a ceramic work of art at the Claypen Studio in West Hartford. You can choose from a variety of bowls or plates and tiles - then paint with your own special artistic flair and leave them to be glazed by the artisans at the studio. They can be picked up the following week at Human Services. We will stop and pick up hot cocoa at Dunkin Donuts on our way back to town hall.

Date: **Tuesdays, Feb. 26 & Mar. 5**  
Time: **2:40-5:30 PM**  
Location: Claypen Studio West Hartford, CT

Instructor: Michelle Pestillo  
Fee: **\$20 each session**  
**\$35 for both**



### Climb On!

This three week program is meant for climbers of all levels and abilities. Whether you have climbed many times before, gone once, or have only thought about doing it, this is your chance to climb on! All safety equipment and instruction will be provided, all you need to bring is your sense of adventure. This program takes place at an indoor climbing gym.

Dates: **Mondays, March 4, 11 & 18**  
Time: **2:40-5:30 PM**  
Location: Stone Age Rock Gym, Manchester, CT  
Instructors: Rik Huggard & Gary Lundin  
Fee: **\$75**



# SCORE Course Descriptions

## Horsin' Around

We will be offering one, five-week session this Spring. Students will get up close and personal with the world of horses, learning how to handle, groom, lead, saddle and bridle these beautiful animals. In addition you will learn how to guide, walk, trot, and canter as you ride every day. This is a great opportunity for horse lovers of all levels and experiences. **Terry Allen farms now has a new indoor riding facility available.**

**NOTE: Limited to 10 riders, sign-up early to get your spot!**

Dates: **Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 27 and April 3 & 10**  
Time: **2:40 - 6:00 PM**  
Location: Terry Allen Farms, Terryville, CT  
Instructor: Michelle Pestillo & staff  
Fee: **\$175.00**



## Nature Explorers

*(1/2 days of school)*

Explore the natural world around us! Learn about tracking and signs of nature as it awakens from a long winter rest. We'll visit the Northwest Park Nature Center in Windsor and afterward we'll walk on their nature trails. We'll spend another session at the Raptor Recovery Center, Horizon Wings in Ashford, CT. Get up close and personal with hawks, owls & eagles!

Dates: **Wed. & Thurs, March 20 & 21**  
Time: **12:40 - 5:00 PM (1/2 day of school)**  
Location: Windsor & Ashford, CT  
Instructor: Rik Huggard  
Fee: **\$20 ea. or \$35 for both**



## Pez & Pizza

Join us, as we travel to the newly opened Pez Factory for a sweet tour! You will experience first hand the process of Pez candy making and finish up the day with a Pizza dinner at Reno's Pizza Restaurant just around the corner.



Date: **Friday March 22nd**  
Time: **12:40p.m. - 6:00p.m.**

Location: Pez Factory in Orange, CT  
Instructors: Michelle Pestillo & staff  
Fee: **\$20**



## Hide & Seek with the RoyalGeos

Join in on the international game of Geo-caching. We will use electronic GPS devices to search and locate hidden treasures at a variety of locations. Since the Fall of 2008 the **Royal-Geos** have been seeking, finding & hiding caches all around central & northern Connecticut. This Spring we plan to locate more challenging geo-caches. We supply the GPS and you bring the thrill of the search!

**Check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)**

Dates: **Thursdays, March 14 & March 28**  
Time: **2:40pm-6:00pm**  
Locations: Broad Hill & Holcomb Farm in West Granby, CT  
Instructors: Rik Huggard & Staff  
Fee: **\$20 ea. day or \$35 for both**



# SCORE Course Descriptions



## Adventure Club

Here are four days of adventure activities that include Challenge Course, kayaking, ZIP Line, and hiking. We take these activities to a new and more exciting level of fun and adventure. This is open to all students in grades 5 through 8.

Dates: **Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 23 & 30**

Times: **2:40 - 6:00 PM**

Locations: **April 2: Newington Challenge Course (includes the zip line!)**  
**April 9: Hiking & Geocaching at the West Hartford Reservoir**  
**April 23: Climbing Tower & Zip Line at Newington Challenge Course**  
**April 30: Kayaking at Fisher Meadows in Avon**

Instructors: Rik Huggard, Michelle Pestillo & Gary Lundin

Fee: **\$20 per day or \$70 for all 4 days**



## Top-Rope Rock Hounds (3 day program)

We are offering an opportunity to learn all of the skills associated with Top-Rope rock climbing. Starting on the challenge course climbing tower you will learn about safety, knots, climbing techniques & equipment. After 2 sessions of preparation on the challenge course we will wrap up with a full day of climbing on Wolf Rock in Mansfield, CT. No prior experience is needed - just the desire to climb!

Dates: **Wednesdays, April 3, 10 & 17**

Times: **2:40 - 6:00PM on April 3 & 10; 9:00AM - 4:00PM on April 17 (school vacation)**

Locations: **April 3 & 10 - Newington Challenge Course; April 17 - Wolf Rock, Mansfield, CT**

Instructors: Rik Huggard, Gary Lundin & Chuck Boyd

Fee: **\$75 (all 3 days)**



## April Vacation Fun & Adventure!

### Bowling, Pizza & Movie



This has become a vacation tradition in Newington! Students will go bowling at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike. A pizza lunch will be served at the bowling alley. Then we'll catch a movie after!

Date: **Monday, April 15th**

Time: **10:00AM - 4:00 PM**

Location: Bowl-O-Rama

Instructors: Rik Huggard & Michelle Pestillo

Fee: **\$30**

### Mini-Golf & Go-Karts



Join us for go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages, Phazerball, the game room and more! We'll stop for ice cream on the way home. This day is full of nothing but tons of fun!

Date: **Tuesday, April 16th**

Time: **10:00AM - 4:00 PM**

Location: R&B Sports, Winsted, CT

Instructors: Michelle Pestillo & Staff

Fee: **\$35**

### Canoeing on Burr Pond



Each April school break we venture out onto Burr Pond to paddle our canoes and have a hamburger, hot dog and veggie burger cookout on the picnic area of this beautiful lake in northwestern CT. We provide basic paddling skills instruction before we get on the water. **This day is for any level of experience from beginners on up!**

Dates: **Thursday April 18th**

Time: **9:00AM - 4:00PM**

Location: Burr Pond, Torrington, CT

Instructor: Rik Huggard & Staff

Fee: **\$30**

# All New!

## Family Days for Spring 2013



### Challenge Course Day!

We have had parents ask us if anyone can come out to challenge course or do they need to be part of a group. As part of our spring calendar we are setting up to offer a ropes course experience for the family. Join us for a few hours and move through a few climbs and our Zip Line will also be set-up. Fun and challenging for the entire family. Come for just 2 or 3 hours or stay for the day. **Minimum age is 6 years old**

**Date & Time:** Saturday April 13, 2013 from 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Staff:** Rik Huggard, Michelle Pestillo & a group of highly skilled ropes facilitators

**Location:** Newington Challenge Course, Milk Lane in Newington (next to the Newington Highway Dept. building).

**Fee:** \$10 per climbing family member - a maximum fee of \$40 for families of 5 or more.

**\*\* Please indicate the number of attending family members on the registration form!!**

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### Spring Canoe & Picnic on Bigelow Hollow



Mashapaug Lake is part of the Bigelow Hollow State Park in Union, Connecticut. It is a lake that we use frequently throughout the year to take our youth groups for canoeing, hiking and swimming. Enjoy a leisurely paddle and picnic on one of the shoreline picnic areas. We will transport your family members to & from the Town Hall and the lake. We also provide canoes, paddles, life jackets & paddling/safety instruction. **Minimum age is 6 years old**

**Date & Time:** Saturday April 27, 2013 from 9:00am - 3:30pm

**Staff:** Rik Huggard, Michelle Pestillo & staff

**Location:** Mashapaug Lake, Union, CT

**Fee:** \$10 per family member - a maximum fee of \$40 for families of 5 or more.

**\*\* Please indicate the number of attending family members on the registration form!!**

# SPRING SCORE 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

**\*\*Registration Deadline Is: January 23, 2013\*\***

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH FULL PAYMENT TO:

NEWINGTON HUMAN SERVICES  
131 CEDAR ST.  
NEWINGTON, CT. 06111

SCORE-Information 665-8594  
E-mail: humanservices@newingtonct.gov



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

<u>PROGRAM SELECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>PROGRAM SEL.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	7. _____	_____	_____
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ONLY ONE CHECK REQUIRED\*\***

**\* Please circle the highest movie rating that you approve for your child to attend: PG PG13**  
(Only if registered for Bowling, Pizza & Movie days or as an alternative for April vacation climbing or canoeing days)

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF ATTENDING FAMILY MEMBERS FOR FAMILY DAYS 4/13 & 4/27**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Reduced fees MAY be available to income eligible Newington families. Indicate on registration forms your request for assistance, and someone from this department will contact you.

**THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ONCE CONFIRMATION LETTERS ARE SENT OUT**

**\*\*Note: There is a \$25 returned check fee\*\***

**Please complete form on following page**



# SCORE PERMISSION FORM (Must be completed)

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL/PAGER \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(to receive updated/ongoing & future program information)  
EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(other than parent/guardian)

**\*\*Assumption of Liability: Participation in these activities may involve risk or injury. As a parent, guardian, or participant, I am aware of these hazards and my ability to participate. I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Town of Newington, its employees, contracted instructors, and volunteers from the liabilities which may occur while participating in the activity. I understand that participation in any Human Services event or activity involves risk. I further understand that the Town of Newington does not provide accident/medical insurance for the program participants. In addition, I give permission for the participant to be treated by qualified medical personnel in the event that the above named parent/guardian/emergency contact cannot be reached at the phone numbers provided.\*\***

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to walk or bike home at the end of a SCORE program. *Please Circle Yes No*

I give permission for my child to be videotaped and/or photographed for the purposes of future brochures, our website or community education. *Please Circle Yes No*

Please use the space below to apprise us of any special health concerns, accessibility issues, or behavioral needs, or to request accommodation (include allergies, medications, etc):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted for additional information, if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MEDICAL INSURANCE CARRIER

\_\_\_\_\_  
POLICY NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOSPITAL PREFERENCE

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**\*\*This contract must be signed by BOTH participant and parent, and returned along with your registration form in order to participate in the program.\*\***

## **\*\*PARTICIPANT CONTRACT\*\***

This contract is an agreement between parents/guardians, students and staff to help ensure that this program operates in a fun, safe and cooperative manner. It is our hope that by reviewing our expectations for conduct, that ALL students and their parents will assist us with this effort.

- I agree to stay seated & keep my limbs in the van at all times.
- I agree to speak respectfully to EVERYONE, using appropriate language and voice level.
- I agree not to swear, name call or throw things.
- I agree to be with a "buddy" and/or with an adult chaperone at all times.
- I agree to report on time to the designated meeting location for each program.
- I agree to keep my hands to myself, respect others and their property.
- I agree to follow directions and listen attentively when adults are speaking to me.
- I agree to keep the vans clean.
- I agree not to use cell phones during programs.

Unacceptable behavior will result in a verbal warning, followed by a written warning, and if considered a serious safety violation or an unresolved ongoing issue, expulsion from the program without a refund.

*Thank you for your assistance in helping to make this program a success.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_